Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ormation unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Lindor the Pennsyndy Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of info

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known				
				Application Number				
·	NFORMATION			Filing Date				
;	STATEMENT E	3Y /	APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Takeshi Watanabe			
	(use as many she	ets as	s necessary)	Group Art Unit				
_				Examiner Name				
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	16NM02054			

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite	U.S. Patent C	Document	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passage		
	No.	Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	Of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	or Relevant Figures Appear		
	AA	6,489,770	B1	Hirata	Dec. 3, 2002			
-7	AB	5,773,976		Sakakura et al.	Jun. 30, 1998			
	AC	5,677,626		Miyazaki et al.	Oct. 14, 1997			
LNA.	AD	5,530,352		Kolem	Jun. 25, 1996			
	AE	5,003,266		Palkovich et al.	Mar. 26, 1991			
	AF	4,899,109		Tropp et al.	Feb. 6, 1990			
	AG							
	AH							
	Al							
	AJ							
	AK							
	AL							
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
-	AP							
	AQ							

				FOR	REIGN PATENT DOCUM	ENTS		
Examiner tnittals*	Cite	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or	Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
	No.	Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code [®] (if known)	Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	or Relevant Figures Appear	
LHA.	FA	Japan	2002- 238872		GE Medical Systems Global Technology Co LLC	08-27-2002	Abstract only	
	FB							
- · · · - · · ·	FC							L

OTHER PRIOR ART NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.'	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the ltems (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), data, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²				

		Z	•	1				
Examiner Signature	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	_	aus,	Juna	Date Considered:	3/	04	
			~ /		 	<i>-------</i>	, ,	 _

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.

DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²Applicant is to place a checkmark here if English language Translation is attached.